

April 23, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**COUNTY BADGE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Introduce, waive reading, and place on agenda for adoption an ordinance amending Title 5 - Personnel, amending Section 5.64.190 of Chapter 5.64 - Badges, of the Los Angeles County Code to provide that: (1) an officer or employee who loses an official badge shall immediately file a police report, and that no replacement badge shall be issued until a copy of the report is submitted to the officer's or employee's department head or to the chief administrative officer; and (2) in lieu of signing an affidavit that such official badge has been lost, the officer or employee may sign a declaration under penalty of perjury stating that such official badge has been lost and cannot be found.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Currently, individual departments that have employees or sworn officers who are authorized pursuant to County Code to carry badges maintain departmental policies regarding lost or stolen badges. These policies are not uniform. In order to ensure uniformity, an amendment to the County Code is recommended.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

To promote service excellence, it is necessary that the public continue to have a high degree of confidence that individuals who carry official County badges are accountable at all times for the safe guard of their badge and report its loss or theft promptly to local law enforcement.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Implementation of the recommended ordinance will not result in any additional costs.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The recommended ordinance amendment will codify a uniform policy regarding procedures to be followed when an official badge of the County of Los Angeles is lost or stolen. Specifically, the County employee or officer whose badge is lost or stolen must ensure that a police report is filed with the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the loss or theft occurred. In addition, the amendment provides that the affidavit or declaration submitted by an employee or officer in order to receive a replacement badge must be signed under penalty of perjury.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

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**CONCLUSION**

Respectfully submitted,

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